

# **CRIME IN ILLINOIS 2002**



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Effective law enforcement requires accurate crime statistics in order to identify the extent of criminal activity. Information reported in this publication measures the nature and volume of crime within various jurisdictions in Illinois. In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of publication, *Crime in Illinois* remains a valuable tool for enhancing law enforcement and the public's awareness of the impact of crime on their communities.

The 2002 statewide figures reflect a 1.5 percent decline in the total number of crimes reported when compared to the 2001 figures. This is consistent with the decline in the total number of crimes reported over the last eleven years. These crime statistics could not have been realized without the dedication and cooperation extended by each contributing agency.

With thanks to all who have contributed to this publication, I present *Crime in Illinois 2002*.

Larry G. Trent  
Director  
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# DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular, to those police officers who lost their lives during the past year in the performance of duty while endeavoring to uphold the laws of the State of Illinois.

OFFICER STEVEN E. GRAHAM  
OFFICER DONALD J. MARQUEZ  
DETECTIVE ALVIN PEREZ  
OFFICER BENJAMIN PEREZ  
OFFICER FRANK E. ROBINS  
DEPUTY SHERIFF ADAM STREICHER

*Courage knows no bounds greater than that,  
that a man or woman shall give his or her life in the  
service of his or her community.*

The Illinois State Police would like to express its appreciation to all personnel who assisted in this publication and to the law enforcement agencies who provided the information.



## **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED**

During 2002, six Illinois law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. A brief narrative on the circumstances surrounding their death is presented below.

### **JANUARY 17, 2002 - BELLWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Detective Alvin Perez, 35, was killed in an automobile accident while he and his partner transported a homicide witness back to the police station for questioning. Detective Perez was driving the vehicle when it struck a concrete barrier on an off-ramp from the Eisenhower Expressway in snowy conditions. Detective Perez's partner and the witness, who were both riding in the backseat, were injured. Detective Perez was a U.S. Navy veteran and had been with the agency for 12 years. He had been promoted to Detective 17 days before the accident. He is survived by his wife, 6-year-old daughter, and 2-year-old twin sons.

### **FEBRUARY 5, 2002 - COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Correctional Officer Frank E. Robins, 55, while off duty, was shot and killed with his own weapon when he and his girlfriend were assaulted. Officer Robins' girlfriend, while checking out of a hotel, was attacked by two men in the manager's office. Officer Robins', who was waiting in his vehicle, exited the vehicle and identified himself as an officer. The two men began to attack him and knocked him to the ground. Officer Robins drew his weapon and shot one of the suspects as they continued to attack him. Officer Robins' gun was wrestled away from him and one of the suspects shot him two times. Officer Robins had been with the agency for 27 years and was assigned to the Cook County Jail. He is survived by his mother, three sons, and a daughter.

### **MARCH 19, 2002 - CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Donald J. Marquez, 47, was shot at approximately 10:00 p.m. as he and another officer were serving court papers to a resident of the Logan Square Apartments. The warrant allowed the officers to take the subject into custody for a court appearance pertaining to building code violations. The subject was waiting inside with a .22-caliber revolver and a .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol. After knocking on the subject's door and receiving no answer, officers broke down the door and the subject began firing. Officer Marquez was struck several times. He was rushed to the hospital where he later died of the injuries sustained in the shootout. The subject was shot and killed in an exchange of gunfire with other officers. Officer Marquez had been with the agency for 20 years.

### **MARCH 22, 2002 - STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Deputy Sheriff Adam Streicher, 23, was shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant for failure to appear on an aggravated assault related charge. After shooting Deputy Streicher, the suspect shot and killed his neighbors with whom he had a long-standing dispute. The suspect then fled in Deputy Streicher's patrol car. The suspect attempted to commit suicide when he was confronted by officers and was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. Deputy Streicher had been with the department for less than one year. He is survived by his parents, brother, and sister.

## **AUGUST 25, 2002 - BARRINGTON-INVERNESS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Steven E. Graham, 53, suffered a fatal heart attack while attempting to arrest a suspect in Inverness during a call. Officer Graham responded to the suspect's home and attempted to arrest the suspect. The suspect began to resist and a struggle ensued, during which Officer Graham collapsed. The Cook County Coroner ruled Officer Graham's death a homicide. Officer Graham had been with the agency for 29 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

## **SEPTEMBER 18, 2002 - CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Benjamin Perez, 32, was struck and killed by a Metra commuter train while conducting a stakeout. Officer Perez and his partner were on a railroad trestle above Spaulding Avenue when a train approached. Officer Perez's partner was able to jump to safety but Officer Perez was pulled underneath the passing train. Officer Perez had been with the agency for four years and is survived by his wife and three children.